

NEWS

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To schedule the delivery of a meal, contact Sally Golnick at 348-9418. **3A**

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New city council members sworn in

Councilwoman addresses income tax issue, takes oath of office

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As the only candidate for an unexpired term on the Grayling City Council, Dee Maybury did not have to do any door-to-door campaigning, place yard signs along the streets or buy newspaper and radio ads to promote her candidacy.

In fact, Maybury was the top vote getter in the City of Grayling's Nov. 3 election with 164 votes cast in her favor. Karl M. DeVries, a retired Grayling City Police Officer, and Karl Schreiner, the former Grayling Grayling Police Chief, won the other two-four year seats in the election.

All three candidates were scheduled to take their oath of office from Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier at the council's Monday, Nov. 9 meeting.

But when it came to Maybury, not so fast.

Prior to the meeting, Maybury received a voice message from Grayling City Attorney Gerald Brabant. Maybury said that the Roscommon attorney did background checks on her, DeVries and Schreiner.

On the evening of Nov. 9, Maybury was asked to report early for the city council meeting to meet with Grayling City Mayor Larry Akers and City Manager David Thayer.

Maybury was informed that she had not filed or paid city income tax for four years she had been living in the city. Maybury and her family have lived in the city for almost six years.

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OUCH!

No pain, no gain when it comes to HIN1 protection

District Health Department #10 made 400 doses of H1N1 vaccine available to Crawford County residents in high risk for the virus last Thursday. The shot clinic was held at the AuSable Primary School. Above, Blake Berridge, 9, a Grayling Elementary School fourth grader, has a sour look on his face after receiving the vaccine from volunteer nurse Rosie Gallagher. Berridge's sister, Nicole, age 11, a Grayling Elementary School fifth grader, is pictured behind him after she received her H1N1 shot.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Christmas Walk on tap for weekend

Annual event will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A holiday tradition held in Grayling for over three decades will take place on Saturday.

The annual Christmas Walk will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Rialto Theater will be giving families a chance to come downtown early for the evening of festivities with a free matinee.

Christmas Walk activities will begin at 5 p.m. with the World's Shortest Parade, featuring the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"We're just trying to give everybody the opportunity to get into the spirit for the holidays and experience the merchandise we have in our stores and the beautiful decorations we all put out," said Ernie Dawson, owner of Flowers of Josie.

A live Nativity scene will be held in front of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Live reindeer will be in the parking lot in front of North Country Corner. Merchants will offer door prizes, in-store specials and refreshments. Street vendors and community organizations will also take part in the event.

The theme for the Christmas Walk has always been "Back Home to the Heart of Christmas." The event was started 31 years ago by Flowers of Josie, then Weaver's Gifts and the Icehouse Quilt Shop came on board as organizers and sponsors for several years, Dawson said. Now, the Christmas Walk is organized by the Grayling Uptown District Association and funded by downtown merchants and sponsors.

"I think it's been good for the community," Dawson said. "We're not a big city, but we're a small town that really tries hard."

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Bell tower raising caps off exterior renovations for Stittsville Church

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The raising of the bell tower for the 1880's era church located at Wellington Farm, USA culminated the exterior renovations to the historic building earlier this month.

The bell tower was put in place with a huge crane on Friday, Nov. 6 at Wellington Farm, USA.

The Stittsville Church was moved 26 miles from Missaukee County's Norwich Township in May 2005.

The move was made possible by a \$10,000 challenge grant from the Midland-based J. Strosacker Foundation. Wellington Farm Park officials and volunteers raised \$40,000 in donations and grants to get the funds. The funds paid for a new foundation for the church and to move the church.

The church, which was last used in the 1990s, was saved from demolition when the Norwich Township Board donated the building to Wellington Farm, USA.

McClain Construction of Grayling, along with Wellington Farm Park volunteers Ron Rakkoy and John Hahn recreated the bell tower from a 1922 photograph obtained of the church. Geers Farms of McBain donated wood for the project. Four Mile Welding of Grayling fabricated a new spire for the bell tower. Finally, Tom Loshaw of Loshaw's Crane Service of Gaylord donated a crane and labor to lift the bell tower into place.

"The outside of the church is totally restored," said Howard Taylor, the founder of Wellington Farm, USA.

The 1,800 pound church bell once rang over the Butterfield Church in Missaukee County. It was removed and donated to the Stittsville Church restoration project when the congregation combined with the Merritt Church.

"It was a great feeling to see the bell tower back on the church," Taylor said. "The church has not had a bell tower on it since 1950, when it was cut off."

The church will not be the focal point for the Wellington Farm, USA's annual Farm

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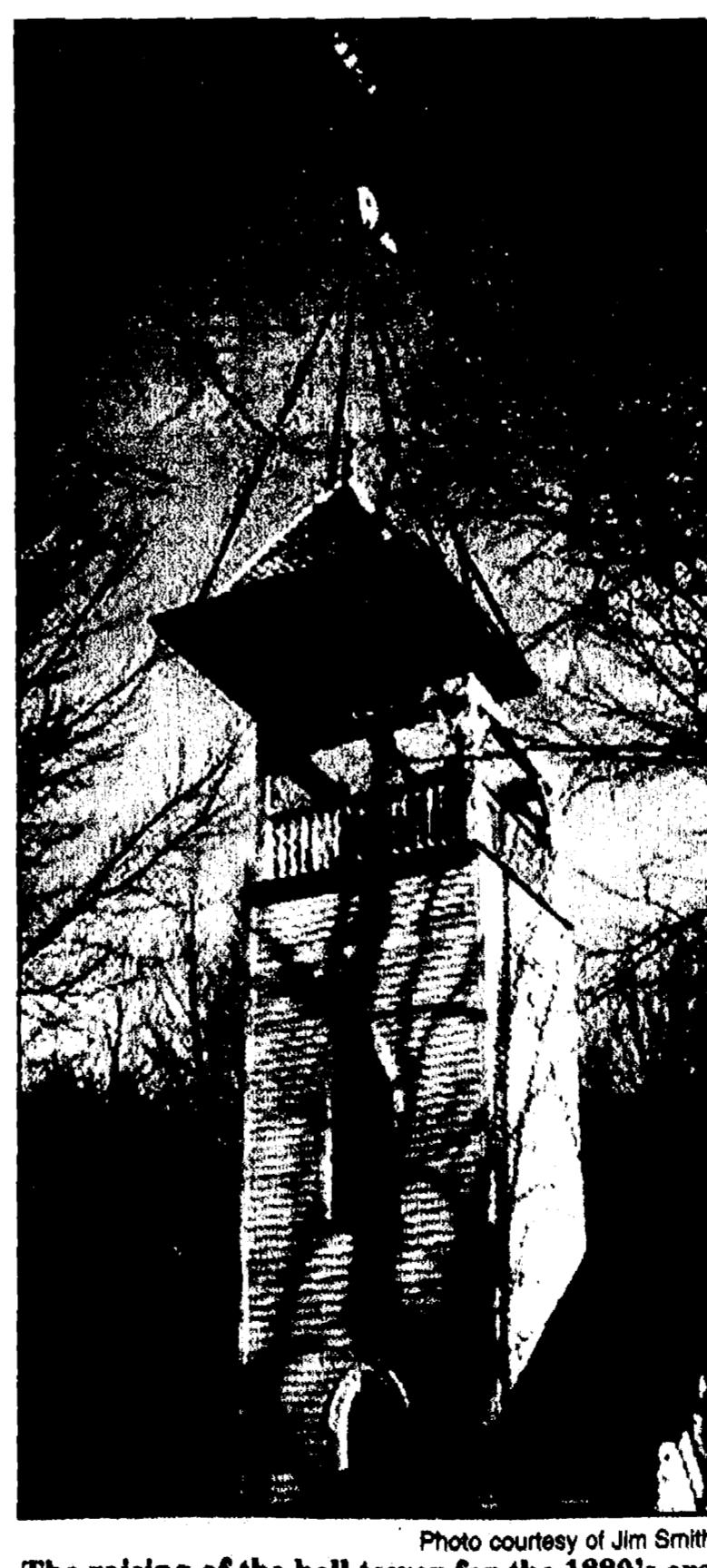


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Ruth O'Mara known for love for family and service to community

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A Grayling woman known for serving on a number of public boards, her love of family and her gracious manner was remembered by friends and family last week.

Ruth Mae O'Mara died on Thursday, Nov. 5, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was 72.

O'Mara served as the Grayling Township Treasurer for 24 years. Former Grayling Township Supervisor Bernie Fowler appointed her to the position in 1983. The next year, former Grayling Township Supervisor Arnie Stancil, Clerk Monica Ashton and O'Mara all ran for their elected positions.

Stancil said he will remember O'Mara for her candor and dedication to the township.

"It was a pleasure to work with her and it was always a lot of fun," Stancil said. "She always did a good job and I

will miss her."

Stancil said the township officials and staff ran a smooth operation and dealt with various issues as they arose.

"They all pulled their weight," Stancil said. "In a small rural-type of environment, everybody needed to know how to do everything."

O'Mara served as a member of the Crawford County Transportation Board from the mid-1980s up until one of its most recent meetings.

Julee Dean, director of the Crawford County Transportation Authority, said O'Mara would always cheer up a meeting and the employees.

"She's going to be sadly missed here," Dean said. "When she would come here, she was cheerful, happy and was always giving compliments. It was just a joy to work with her."

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright recalled hearing about the

O'Maras having huge family gatherings, where 20 people slept on floors in sleeping bags and family dinners were served on tables in their garage.

"I always admired that fact about her that she was so family oriented," Wright said. "She always had her priorities in order and it was family first."

Marge Martella said O'Mara was a talented musician who served as the organist for the St. Mary's Church for many years and was very active in the church.

"She was always a gracious lady and was willing to help whenever asked," Martella said.

Cy Wakeley, director of the Crawford County Housing Commission, said O'Mara went to bat for the Housing Commission as its chairwoman and a member of the board.

"She was dedicated, did everything by the book and

she was really a servant of the Housing Commission," Wakeley said. "She took a lot of pride in what the Housing Commission did and her efforts to make that happen."

Paul Lerg, former business manager and assistant superintendent for the Crawford AuSable School District, said O'Mara was always graceful under pressure when she worked as a book-keeper and accounts receivables clerk for the school district.

"She had a wonderful smile, she was very quiet, and had a wonderful, friendly manner," Lerg said.

Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley said O'Mara often joked that every hotel room in Grayling would be filled for her funeral due to her extended family and friendships she established.

"Ruth was awesome to work with and I always enjoyed working with her," Joe Wakeley said.

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Groups collecting items to support Help Center

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A host of community organizations are doing their part to assist the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center in its mission to serve the needy during the holidays.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling is collecting coats, hats, mittens and gloves to help Crawford County residents as the winter season begins.

Last year, the Kiwanis Club of Grayling collected 150 items in its Coats for Kids Drive, which the organization plans to do on an annual basis. New, used or gently worn coats are being sought for children and adults. Ann Stephenson, the owner of Riverland, has donated dry-cleaning services before the coats are passed on to new owners.

The coats are being collected at Chemical Bank, K-Mart, Save-A-Lot, Glen's Markets, Riverland, J-Dap, Citizens Bank and the North Central Area Credit Union.

Tom Cox, a Kiwanis Club member who is coordinating the Coats for Kids Drive, said volunteers hope to bring double the amount of items they collected last year and are well on their way to reaching that goal.

"I thought that since we did so well the first year, we should be able to double the amount," Cox said. "So far everybody has been pretty generous."

The Joy Circle, a women's group, at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, are once again attempting to collect 1,000 pairs of socks for infants through teenagers from its congregation and the community. Barb Summers said the

socks are collected throughout the year. A special Sock Sunday is held on the second Sunday of Advent, the time period that the church celebrates before the Live Nativity of Jesus.

Summers said the Joy Circle's sock collection was down last year but expects it will rebound this year.

"With the economy down we went a little lower but I anticipate to be over 1,000 this year," Summers said.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library are also collecting mittens and hats for the Help Center at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, which are being displayed on the annual Mitten Tree.

Finally, the Care Givers of Lovells are collecting bathroom hygiene products such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes, which they are giving to teens as stocking stuffers.

"A lot time they don't have stocking stuffers for the older kids so this takes care of them," said Marianne Gosnell, director for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

Gosnell said she appreciates the various community organizations branching out so Help Center volunteers can coordinate items given to the needy for the holidays.

"I'm all for it," she said. "It's wonderful to have the groups working together."

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center's Christmas Help Project will take place Dec. 16 to Dec. 18 and Dec. 21 to Dec. 23.

If you know someone who needs help for the hol-

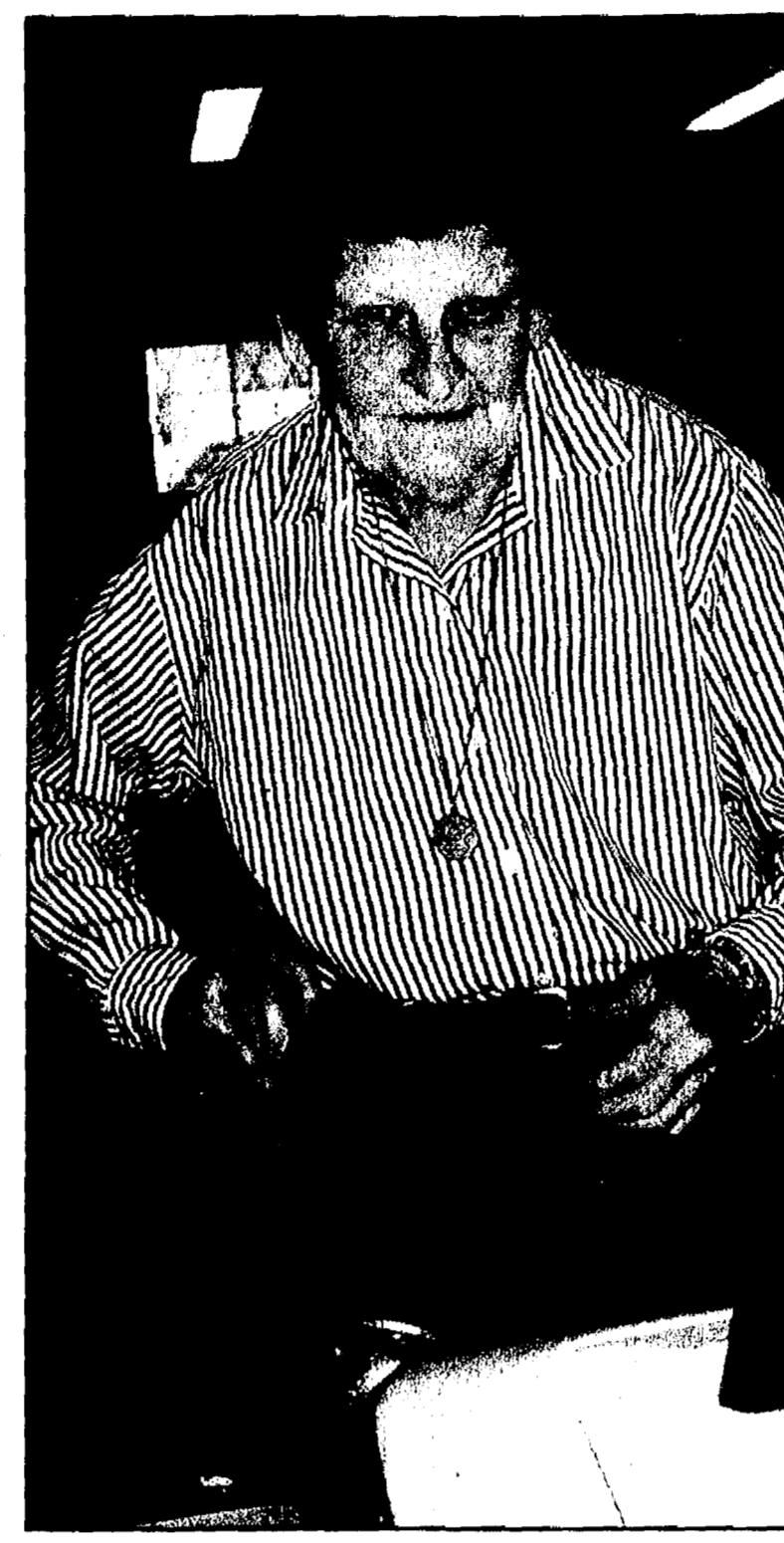


Photo by Dan Sanderson
The Grayling Eagles Club held its first Soup and Sandwich luncheon on Sunday to raise funds for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. A total of \$171 was raised as of Monday and leftover soup, chili and stew were being sold to raise more funds for the needy. Above, Janet Gooch of Frederic dishes up a bowl of chili while attending the fund-raiser.

days, encourage them to stop by the Help Center or call 348-6046 to schedule an appointment.

Toys for Tots packets, coats, socks, mittens and a voucher for a Christmas dinner from Save-A-Lot will be given out during the scheduled appointments.

"We do it all right here," Gosnell said.

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Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving Day dinner

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

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The dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26, at the Camp Grayling Armory.

The community dinner was initially organized by Therese and Skip Kaiser at the St. John's Lutheran Church in order to provide meals to people who could not host families for the holiday or travel to visit with their families. The dinner was prepared and served for several years at the former Knights of Columbus Hall. It was moved to Camp Grayling five years ago when the Knights of Columbus Hall became unavailable and was later sold.

Last year, more than 800 meals were served overall,

including 437 home deliveries.

Therese Kaiser said cooks are needed this year on Wednesday, Nov. 25, because one of the regular cooks moved from the community and another is unavailable due to illness.

"We have lost some our kitchen help," Kaiser said.

Volunteers are also needed to help package home delivered meals and to help with deliveries.

Even though some volunteers have come and have seen lulls in the action in the past, Kaiser said that all help is needed to prepare, serve and deliver the community dinner.

"If we didn't have enough people to show up to volunteer, we would never get this thing done," Kaiser said. "Every person is important."

Volunteers are encouraged to contact Therese Kaiser at 348-1674, to schedule their shifts.

To schedule the delivery of a meal, contact Sally Golnick at 348-9418.

Donations to help fund

the meal can be sent to P.O. Box 44, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Crawford County Transportation Authority is also pitching in by providing free bus trips to and from Camp Grayling on Thanksgiving Day. People who need a bus to get to the dinner must reserve their ride by calling Julee Dean, director of Crawford County Transportation Authority, by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Bus driver Heidi Larm will be picking people up between 11:30 a.m. and noon on Thanksgiving Day to take them to Camp Grayling. The bus to take people home will leave Camp Grayling at 1 p.m.

Dean said even though people have not taken advantage of the free rides in the past, the Transportation Authority wants to be available to get people out for the holiday and do their share to support the community.

"Even if it's just one or two people - it's worth it," Dean said.

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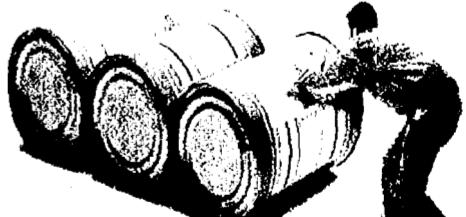
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Correction

In an article which ran in the Nov. 12 edition of the Avalanche, titled "State budget ax forces CASD to cut funds for school liaison officer," it incorrectly said that Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Smith retired on Oct. 21. Smith's last day working on the Crawford County Sheriff's

Road Patrol was Thursday, Nov. 12. His retirement will become effective on

Tuesday, Nov. 24. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Guantanamo solution? New paint job, new name



AMERICA FACES a continuing dilemma of what to do about our federal prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, and the two hundred or so remaining prisoners there.

President Barack Obama promised to close Guantanamo during his presidential campaign and repeated the pledge once in office, to ease the horrible negative image Guantanamo earned by what went on there after the September 11 attacks.

Guantanamo became a world wide symbol of prisoner abuse, torture, disputed legal tactics, and everything bad that could result from throwing hundreds of suspected terrorists into prison, and keeping them there under questionable circumstances.

To much of the world, Guantanamo equaled bad.

President Obama and his advisors have studied all sorts of options – some critics might even suggest a presidential dither might be

taking place – not about replacing the infamous Gitmo, but how and where?

POTENTIAL SITES for a new Guantanamo have popped up all over the country including in Michigan, where several locations in the Upper Peninsula never seemed to develop much traction.

At Standish in Arenac County, faced with imminent closure of an existing state prison and the resulting local financial impact, community boosters promoted their doomed state facility for the new federal prison.

A delegation of 30 representatives from the federal departments of justice, defense, homeland security and the state bureau of prisons toured the Standish prison, apparently to little avail.

Despite the obvious economic advantage of a new federal prison, local forces also lined up on the other side, warning that a federal prison – especially a junior

Guantanamo, with nefarious international bad guys as inmates – could wreak havoc on the countryside and people who lived nearby. Just too dangerous, they warned.

During these sad economic times especially, most any area of the United States would love to have the jobs a new or expanded – or rescued – public prison facility would mean. That's what spurred the Upper Peninsula push, and the Arenac County campaign, too.

The site selection process apparently still is underway, and latest favorite candidate for a new Guantanamo is a federal prison in Thomson, Ill., a town of about 550 people west of Chicago near the Mississippi river and the Iowa state line. It's probably a mere coincidence, but President Obama, who will make the final choice, lives in Chicago and represented Illinois in the US senate before moving to the White House.

HOW ABOUT this idea? Why not just stay where we are? The Guantanamo lock-up was built in the first place for just such a purpose as now needs solution.

Objection to Guantanamo is not the prison building itself, or the location, but rather what went on there, what happened to prisoners there, and how the prison was operated in the anxiety-filled months and years immediately after September 11.

We could get rid of the water boards and any other instruments of inhumane torture, and remodel where needed, not to change the nature of a prison itself but any remnants of all things undesirable to the international critics.

Then apply a fresh coat of bright new paint and new signage, discard the name Guantanamo Bay and give the facility a new, wholesome name – something that connotes freedom and strength yet humility and

fairness – but leave the reborn federal prison right where it is in southeast Cuba near the Bay of Guantanamo.

This idea probably could save considerable expense and surmount any localized opposition from the mainland neighbors which certainly would arise were any United States site to be selected.

The more I think about this idea, the more common sense it seems to make – which is why it will never be adopted.

ACCORDING TO LENO – Credit the following comment to TV's Jay Leno (as reported in *American Legion* magazine):

"The country of China is going to be doing a Broadway-style play based on Karl Marx's book on communism. A play based on communism. You know, that's where capitalism has been replaced by the government taking over control of all private industries – or

as we call it in this country, a 'stimulus package.'"

Note: This Leno witticism was delivered when he was still on the midnight shift, back before he moved to prime time.

WORTH QUOTING AGAIN – Here's a comment from a *Detroit Free Press* interview a while back with Richard McNeilly of Detroit when he turned 90. Mr. McNeilly still works full time at the Better Business Bureau in Southfield:

"I think many times we take life too seriously. How can you be serious when there's 6.7 billion people in the world and you're one? I think a lot of people think they're really important. How important can you be?"

Amen, Richard McNeilly.

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Viewpoint

by Nancy Hook, Coordinator of COOR Housing Coalition and Office Manager at River House Inc

Homeless are not only homeless

Clients come into shelter because they were evicted or lost their job or income. Very often after they get settled in River House, they tell you they were abused by someone which could be their boyfriend, husband, or a family member. The women who come into the shelter are not always abused that day or week or even year.

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refer clients to various agencies for assistance with money for housing such as the Department of Human Resources and look for

housing for the clients on the Internet at the housing locator Web site (www.michiganhousinglocator.com). Staff also works with the client in advocating for a client with a landlord or agencies providing a rental assistance program.

Homeless Awareness Week in Nov. 15 - 21.

If you are having a Homeless Awareness Activity and would like someone to come speak about homelessness, contact Nancy Hook at River House at 989-348-3169.

Viewpoint

by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Drivers be alert during deer season

Sheriff Wakefield reminds motorists that with fall and the hunting season in full swing, deer populations will be on the move. This activity heightens the chance of a car/deer crash occurring.

Last year, more than 60,000 accidents in Michigan involved deer. "Most often, you'll see a deer near dawn or dusk,"

said Sheriff Wakefield.

Motorists are encouraged to look beyond the beam of their headlights for eyes of deer that may be near the path of your vehicle.

Trying to dodge a deer is not a good idea according to Sheriff Wakefield. Deer often move erratically and swerving may cause you to lose control of your vehicle. The best way to avoid a

deer/car collision is to slow your car down, flash your headlights and/or blow your horn to try and scare the animal. Deer travel together, if you see one, chances are others are coming so please proceed with caution.

Remember to heed deer crossing signs. If you do hit a deer make sure you report it to your local police or sheriff's office.

What Do You Think?

Join in the discussion online. The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com. To express an opinion

on a news, feature, or opinion article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and

the area to post new comments.

Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Letters to the Editor

Why are roads in such disrepair?

To the editor:

Can somebody on the Crawford County Road Commission please explain why various roads, like North Down River Road, County Road 612 and Four Mile Road, are in such disrepair?

I don't understand why the county/city spends all kinds of money to build a new facade on the courthouse when all it needed was a wheelchair accessible

ramp, when some money should be spent fixing the roads that get us back and forth to work.

If the road commission had to start paying for auto repairs for cracked chassis, alignments, tires, etc. they would see the wisdom in repaving these roads, instead of putting a bandaid on a gunshot wound.

Terry Munoz
Grayling

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page.

Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be

published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Early Deadlines! Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 24, so newsstand buyers and local subscribers will receive the November 26th issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, to be considered for the Nov. 26th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 20. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon Monday, Nov. 23.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27.



The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Briefs

Angelfood to be distributed

Angelfood will be passed out Nov. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grayling Free Methodist Church.

Church part of Christmas Walk

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Michigan Ave., Grayling, will participate in the Christmas Walk, Saturday, Nov. 21. A cookie walk will be held in the church narthex from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A live nativity will be outside from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hot chocolate, donuts and goody bags for children will be available from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Red Cross to send care packages

The American Red Cross will send care packages to service members who are overseas. The packages will be filled with comfort items. Email service members complete name and military address to info@rsda-redcross.org.

Basketball camps to start soon

Four separate youth basketball camps - one for boys and girls in grades K-2, one for third grade boys, one for fourth grade boys, and one for boys in grades 5-6 - will begin on Saturday, Nov. 21. Registration forms and complete schedules for the camps are available at the offices of AuSable Primary, Grayling Elementary School, and Grayling Middle School and on the Internet at <http://www.casd12.net/Basketball/Basketball%20Home.html>. Cost to participate in any of the camps is \$5.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

NEMCSA offers fuel assistance

The Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) has funding available for deliverable fuels for low-income households in Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

Households must meet income eligibility guidelines and a current Department of Human Services Decision Notice is required.

For propane or fuel oil the fuel in tank must be at

25% or below or the provider must be threatening to lock the tank or remove the fuel for non-payment of a balance owed.

For firewood, wood must be primary heat source and supply must be low.

Potential applicants can call Beth to be prescreened at 989-471-3277 or toll-free 866-270-0687. If eligible for an application one will be mailed or faxed at the applicant's request.

NEMCSA is a private, non-profit agency and is governed by a 33-member board.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Nov. 20 - Lunch - breaded baked cod, red potatoes, broccoli and fresh fruit salad. No dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Nov. 23 - Lunch - Chicken stir-fry, brown rice, peas and a plum. Dinner - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus and applesauce. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge and Clogging.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs with

noodles, carrots, green beans and cinnamon applesauce. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and pears. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Lunch - smoked sausage, sauerkraut, corn and peaches. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, green beans, carrots, oranges and grapefruit and cookies. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, Wii Bowling and COA board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Hospice Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Library News

"Teen Frederic" will be on Friday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Frederic Community Library. Call 348-4067, to sign up for a program featuring Rock Band & Guitar Hero games, a time capsule project, crafts and a snack.

"Fun in Frederic" will be held at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. There will be Thanksgiving stories, crafts and snacks. Call 348-4067 to sign up.

During the Christmas Walk on Nov. 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., stop in to the library to enjoy a "Christmas Walk ... to remember" with songs, cookie decorating, crafts, a VHS video sale and free book drawings. Special

guest will be Jeffrey Schatzer, author of "The Bird in Santa's Beard" and "A Bump on Santa's Noggin," will be on hand at 6 p.m. to read his newest book "The Elves in Santa's Workshop." You can purchase some personalized copies. The event is supported by Friends of the Crawford County Library.

You may drop off canned goods for a donation to the Christian Help Center, a box is located in the lobby.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Nov. 24, at 5 p.m. This month's selection is "Mistress of the Art of Death" by Ariana Franklin. Book discussion will be led by Judy Mesack.

Holiday musical light show to benefit Mercy Hospital

The little town of Lewiston is about to become the biggest - and brightest - winter attraction in Michigan.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 27, Garland Lodge and Resort will turn on its first-ever "Light Up the North" seasonal light show that features more than 189 lighted displays, two-thirds of which are animated to music.

Co-sponsored by Mercy Hospital Grayling and other area businesses, the show is not only a way to celebrate the crystalline winter nights northern Michigan is known for, but also to "get our community outside and active" during the cold winter months, said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"So many of us love staying inside during these winter months, but we want to encourage our friends and neighbors to take advantage of winter's beauty, too," she said. "Our partnership with Garland Lodge and Resort dovetails perfectly with a healthy winter mindset. Garland is a four season resort that offers both local residents and visitors a host of healthy winter activities."

A portion of the proceeds from the light show will benefit the non-profit hospital's ongoing \$6 million outpatient services renovation.

Admission to the light show will be \$13 per car. Coupons for \$3 off will be available through various media partners. Lodging packages will start at \$55 per person plus taxes and resort fees. This year, all winter packages will include admission to the light show.

Yellow Jug Old Drugs program expands to local pharmacies

Coordinated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, a local non profit, the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program began in May as a pilot program. The program has gone very well and is now expanding to provide the service to more communities.

Up until now when a person wanted to dispose of unused/ unwanted/expired drugs the only option available to them was to flush down the drain or send to a landfill. In Michigan and across the country this has led to an emerging problem of trace amounts of chemicals showing up in our water.

Now the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is providing a solution. Individuals can bring unused/unwanted/expired drugs to participating pharmacies for proper disposal. Collected drugs will then be incinerated in a State of Michigan approved facility. Incineration is recommended by the World Health Organization as the most thorough and environmentally responsible method of destroying unused/unwanted drugs.

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is currently available at these local participating pharmacies: Grayling, Medicine Shoppe - 348-2000; Roscommon, Pioneer Family Pharmacy - 275-5600; and Mio, Pioneer Family Pharmacy -

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 15 of \$25 each; Jim Brown, Bitsy Hellebuck, Donna Kune and Rene Wall.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Nov. 13 was Shelly Elmy.

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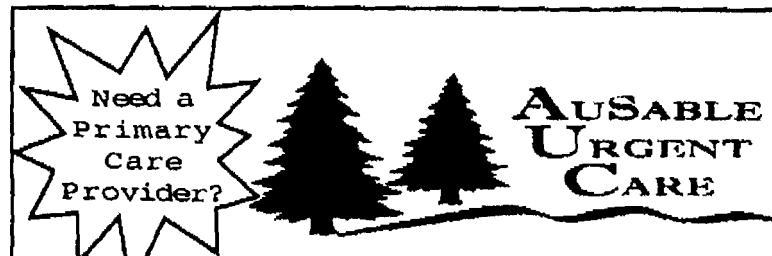
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Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Grayling
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Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October

2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm

Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.michelsonmemorial.org • Barrier Free Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10:30 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgenson
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) 9:30 am
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adults) 9:30 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Seward
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 10 am

Morning Service 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Eric Wagner - (989) 348-5558
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop

Parsonage (989) 348-7466

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Service 6 pm

Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

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Lovells Community Chapel



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First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School 9:45 am

April through October

Morning Worship 11 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North

Minister: Terry Dickinson

Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study

available at tldm@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist

Pastor: James Durfee - 2247 Durfee Lane

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle

Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278

501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am

Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth

Service 11 am

Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday Service 7 pm

Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Community of Christ

Pastor: Ann Doty - North Down River Rd. at

1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am

Preaching 11 am

Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.

Parish Office: (989) 767-7057

(989) 348-7657

Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal

Reverend: Elizabeth Chace

M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850

Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am

Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center

Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann

Mail: 2640 M-72 West - Grayling, MI 49738

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Sunday Service 10:30 am

Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm

E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

St. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop

(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)

(989) 348-5921

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Friendship Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg

415 Ohio North, Grayling

Sunday Service 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am

Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Sunday 9 am

The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter Day Saints

President: David Stephenson

600 North Elm Street, Grayling

Sacrament 10 am

Sunday School 11 am

Primary 11 am

Priesthood Noon

Relief Society Noon

Sunday Service 11 am

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6464 Old U.S. 27 Frederic

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(989) 422-3464 • (989) 348-5712

Sunday Service 11 am

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Obituaries

June M. Rouse

June M. Rouse, 77, of Grayling, passed away on Nov. 17, 2009.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 at noon at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

District Health Department

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for December.

Immunization clinics: Dec. 2, 16 and 21 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. Dec. 2, 3, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 23. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Dec. 15 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Card of Thanks

Thank you all for my wonderful new kitchen and roof. Rivertown Construction, Primary Electric, Grayling World of Floors, McLean's Ace Hardware. H.M.I Specialties/Hal's Masonry and Huntington Bank.

Linda Stephens

Gallaghers celebrate 60 years



Faye and William Gallagher

William and Faye (Groezinger) Gallagher, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, at a dinner with family.

They were married November 5, 1949, in Wakefield, Rhode Island. They have lived in Grayling for 44 years.

Bill retired from the U.S. Navy in 1965 after 22 years.

He worked for Millikin Construction for 19 years.

Faye was a beautician for 15 years, retiring in 1980.

Their children are Ivojoan Legg and Marcia (Ted) Roehrich of Traverse City. Their grandchildren are Brian (Tracy) Legg, Teresa (Matt) Gerkin and Jason Rutter and one great-grandchild, Abigail Jo Gerkin.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 76 complaints the week of Nov 9 - Nov. 15.

Seventeen general non-criminal complaints, one vehicle fire, one delinquent minor, one walkaway-mental, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, one criminal sexual conduct/penetration object, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, seven larcenies, one fraudulent activity, four damage to properties, one drug/narcotics violation, seven public

peace/disorderlies, three health and safeties, two conservations, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, seven traffic accidents, one traffic violation-civil infraction, one inspection/investigation-other, five family troubles-domestic, six suspicious situations and two driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Area Events

Roscommon

Mikenauk Chorale - The Mikenauk Chorale, an area-wide choral group, is having a holiday concert on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North, 149 West Robinson Lake Rd., Roscommon. The concert, featuring Christmas classics, begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. With singers from Roscommon, Higgins Lake, Prudenville and Houghton Lake, the 35-member choir will perform several selections from The Messiah.

Snowmobile Safety Classes - The Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers will be sponsoring snowmobile safety classes on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Roscommon Community Center, 510 South Street, Roscommon.

Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children ages 12 through 16 are required by law to have seven hours of snowmobile safety instructions in order to receive their Safety Certification. Registration can be obtained at the Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon Middle and High Schools. For more information call Tom Koscienski at 989-821-8726.

55+ Singles - The 55+ Singles meeting will be held at Fred's Restaurant in Roscommon on Nov. 24, for bowling and socializing. Dinner to follow. Call 821-4291 or 821-7565. This is a gathering group to bring senior singles together for a variety of social activities. Open to Roscommon and Crawford County residents.

Thursday, November 19, 2009 - CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE - 7A

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Dixie Lobsinger, would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who offered kind words and gestures in the recent loss of our wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

From the MMR girls who responded that morning with their professionalism and kindness. To all the wonderful people who gave food for the funeral luncheon. All the people who helped organize and serve everyone else in between, we won't try and mention names, there are too many, but you know who you are.

Please know our thank you's are from the bottom of our hearts. You are all truly angels in disguise.

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Eugene "Dick"
Lobsinger
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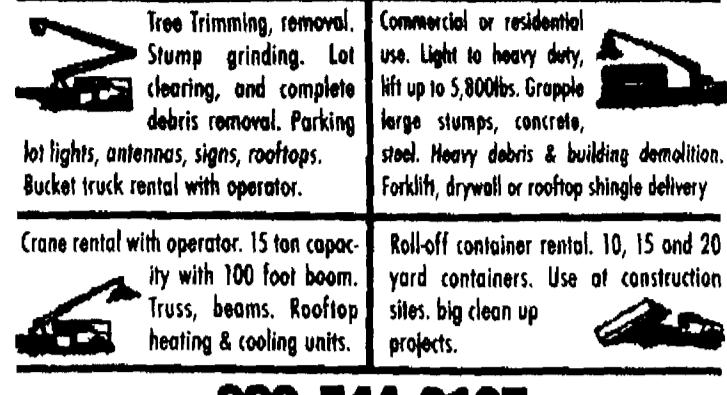
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It is illegal to post areas of the National Forest as private property in order to discourage other hunters.

For information on the Huron-Manistee National Forests call (231) 775-5023, ext. 8726.

Balloon launch honors domestic violence victims

Officials for Kirtland Community College and River House Inc. helped honor victims of domestic violence with a balloon launch ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the college's main campus near Roscommon.

Students, staff, faculty members and others gathered outside the college's Student Center and released 51 balloons during the ceremony, each tagged with the name of a person who died as the result of domestic violence in the past year.

"This helps raise awareness about domestic violence," said Jerry Boerema, associate dean of instruction and director of public safety at Kirtland. "By your presence, it shows your concern on the issue of domestic violence."

Boerema read the crowd a variety of statistics released by the U.S. Department of Justice concerning domestic violence, including:

Almost six times as many women victimized by intimate partners (18 percent) and those victimized by strangers (3 percent) did not report their violent victimization to police because they feared reprisal from the offender;

A child exposed to the father abusing the mother is at the strongest risk for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next;

One in five female high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner;

Violence is the reason stated for divorce in 22 percent of middle-class marriages;

It is estimated that 25

percent of workplace problems such as absenteeism, lower productivity, turnover and excessive use of medical benefits are due to family violence; and

Nearly 25 percent of women and 7.6 percent of men were raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabitating partner or dating partner/acquaintance at some time in their lifetime.

Boerema said people who know of a victim of domestic violence to speak up or reach out, rather than be silent.

"Ask what you can do to help," he said.

Kriss Goodroe, executive director at the Grayling-based River House Inc., a non-profit agency that serves victims and survivors of homelessness, domestic abuse and sexual violence in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties, said such somber ceremonies are also a time of celebration.

"I think of this is just not a time where we remember the victims," Goodroe said. "It's the same time we celebrate the survivors."

Goodroe added one of River House's focuses is to help turn more victims into survivors by helping provided support service, including shelter, in the local four-county area.

"We're out there," she said. "We're in your communities."

Besides the balloon launch, Kirtland officials also marked Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a coat drive, "Make A Difference Day" on Oct. 24 and the Empty Bowls Art Show and Reception on Oct. 28.

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Rotary disc golf course available for casual play

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

With the recent return of warm and sunny weather, community residents are encouraged to get their first taste of disc golf at Hanson Hills.

The first-phase of the Grayling Rotary Disc Golf Course has been completed at Hanson Hills. Baskets have been erected for six holes of the course and flags have been placed to indicate where players tee-off.

The remaining 12 holes for the course will be completed in the spring of 2010 along with the installation of cement tee-pads, landscaping for the fairways and the course. A separate six holes will be developed to host Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) specifications so Grayling can host tournaments," said Andy Moore, a Grayling Rotary Club Board member who is coordinating the development of the disc golf course with Hanson Hills officials.

Disc golf is based on traditional golfing, but involves the use of Frisbees of specialty discs. The object is to throw the disc into a basket in the least amount of throws. The discs are thrown from the tee-pads to the tees, which are baskets that allow the disc to hit a chain and fall into the basket. Players carry various discs including drivers, midrange discs, putters and specialty discs.

Moore said outgoing Grayling Rotary Club President John Jones challenged the organization to find a project that would benefit Grayling and the surrounding communities when he left office. Rotary officials found a perfect fit, working with the Grayling Recreational Authority and Hanson

Hills, to see the development of disc golf course come to fruition. The Grayling Rotary Club committed \$10,000 toward the project.

The genesis for this disc golf course started out with two Grayling High School graduates, Maverick Ginther and Ben Jones, who wanted to do something to honor their friends Ryan Davis and Josh Mastej, who were killed in a car accident in the fall of 2006," Moore said. "The Grayling Rotary Club is proud to sponsor and fund this worthwhile project that gives the community another recreational opportunity."

Last month, John Minuchi a PDGA official and pro, and Ryan Herzog, another PDGA pro, helped design the layout of the disc golf course with Justin Andre, the director of Hanson Hills.

There will be Par 3, Par 4 and Par 5 holes on the course. Disc golf holes are measured in feet from tee to green. The longest hole will be 750 feet. The course will feature various loops, tunnels and obstacles.

"The design of the course we came up with is world class," Moore said.

Although ideally played in mild weather, Moore said disc golf themed tournaments such as "Snow Festivals" or "Ice Festivals" allow the sport to be played year-round which should add to the downhill and cross skiing at Hanson Hills this upcoming winter season.

"They're playing it everywhere," Moore said. "It's really a global thing."

Moore added that PDGA officials will be making presentations at schools with the anticipation of establishing disc golf leagues.

Roscommon newspaper ceases publication

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A weekly newspaper that served Roscommon County for 126 years ceased operations with its Nov. 5 edition.

The Roscommon Herald-News stopped publishing its weekly newspaper. Herald-News President Robert Perlberg said the effects of the recession on the newspaper industry led to "a difficult decision that had to be made."

The Houghton Lake Resoroter has purchased assets of the Herald-News. The Resoroter will continue its mission to provide all of Roscommon County with comprehensive news coverage.

The Resoroter has been published continuously for 69 years at Houghton Lake, and under the ownership of the Hamp family for 48 years. Robert J. Hamp Jr. was the publisher from 1961 to 1982. The current Resoroter publishers are Thomas W. and Eric M. Hamp.

The Hamp family has a strong tradition of newspaper publishing, and I'm pleased that they will continue to provide Roscommon County with a first-rate newspaper," Perlberg said. "They are experienced, community-minded newsmen, and the Herald-News' legacy of serving Roscommon County will continue under the Resoroter name."

"We see this as an opportunity to strengthen the coverage of both newspapers in the county under the banner of one newspaper published weekly," Thomas Hamp added. "For decades, the two newspapers have been friendly competitors, serving readers in both communities and overlapping much of the news content. With the changing newspaper market today, the Hamp family will ensure a strong community presence by publishing a viable single newspaper each Thursday that covers all of Roscommon County."

The Resoroter has had a presence in the Village of

Roscommon by maintaining an office there for 35 years, and covers all of Roscommon Area Public Schools, Roscommon High School sports, community events, organizations and governments.

"We take our responsibilities to the communities we serve seriously. We want to produce the best product possible and meet the needs of all of our readers and advertisers," Eric Hamp said.

The Perlberg family has been publishing newspapers for nearly 100 years, beginning in Standish with Robert Perlberg's grandfather. Perlberg's Sunrise Printing and Publishing continues to publish the Ogemaw County Herald, Arenac County Independent and Oscoda County Herald.

The Hamp family has been in newspaper publishing 112 years, with the fifth generation now in the business.

Terms of the sale of assets were not disclosed, but it does not include the Herald-News' office in the Village of Roscommon. The Resoroter will continue to staff an office in the Village of Roscommon. The archived issues of the Herald-News will be maintained by the Resoroter and continue to be a resource for the community.

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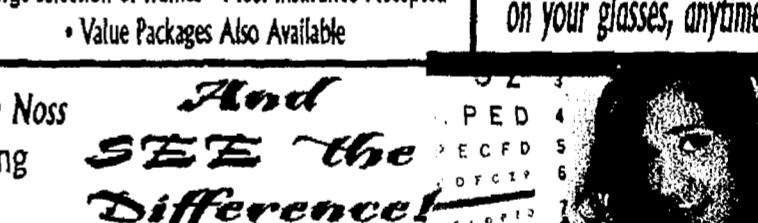
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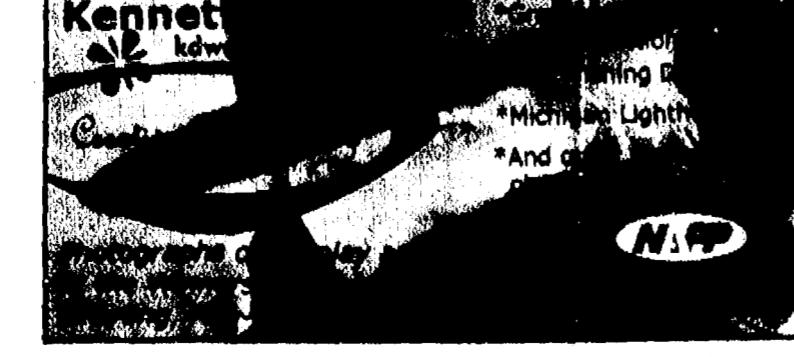


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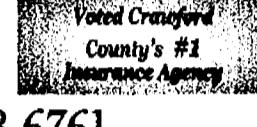


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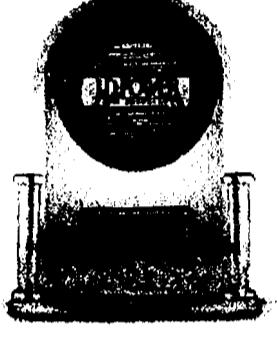


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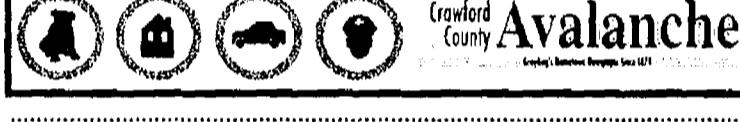
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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for October 2009

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Heidi Marie Hellebuyck, age 27 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$935 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Roxanne Marie Armstrong, age 20 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Oct. 27, 2009, for attempted retail fraud-third degree; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for five days served; ordered to pay \$847 in fines or serve 46 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Shawn Michael Vanduinen, age 28 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for retail fraud-second degree; ordered to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 11 days served; ordered to pay \$805 in fines or serve 80 days in jail.

Bernie Thornton, age 52 of Cheboygan - Sentenced on Oct. 27, 2009, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$117 in fines.

Norman Dean Pratt, age 25 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for aggravated assault; ordered to serve 45 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,785 in fines and \$10,206.77 in restitution; placed on probation for 730 days.

Daneil Charles Deleew, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 13, 2009, for careless driving; ordered to pay \$297 in fines.

Dennis Wayne Everson, age 55 of Frederic - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$645 in fines or serve 64 days in jail; placed on probation for 61 days.

William Scott Mathey, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for alcohol-selling/furnishing to minor; ordered to pay \$1,485 in fines or serve 60 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Keith Lloyd Kneipfler, age 42 of West Branch - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$355 in fines or serve 35 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Suzanne Marie Hemingway, age 46 of Davison - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for reckless driving; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Patrick Ryan Babbitt, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$815 in fines and \$132.92 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Kathleen Ann Adams, age 49 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Kyle Dale Smith, age 23 of Plymouth - Sentenced on Oct. 27, 2009, for discharge firearm without due caution; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$585 in fines or serve 58 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Weston Oliver Wisbon, age 20 of Erie - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for alter/unlawful use of operator's license/false information and operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$705 in fines or serve 70 days.

days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

James Joseph Bryan, age 40 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 20, 2009, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$855 in fines or serve 85 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Michael Roy Miracle, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$725 in fines or serve 63 days in jail.

Adam Douglas Birk, age 28 of Mio - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$117 in fines.

Sara Jean Decker, age 25

of Flint - Sentenced on Oct. 27, 2009, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$117 in fines.

Delbert Franklin Case, age 40 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and open alcohol in a motor vehicle; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$535 in fines or serve 53 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Sean Allen Walsh Jr., age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 6, 2009, for domestic violence; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for five days served;

ordered to pay \$685 in fines or serve 68 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

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Steven Elliot Butler, age 42 of Troy - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$235 in fines or serve 23 days in jail.

Justin Robert Summers, age 19 of East Lansing - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2009, for person under 21 transport/possession in vehicle; ordered to pay \$270 in fines or serve 27 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

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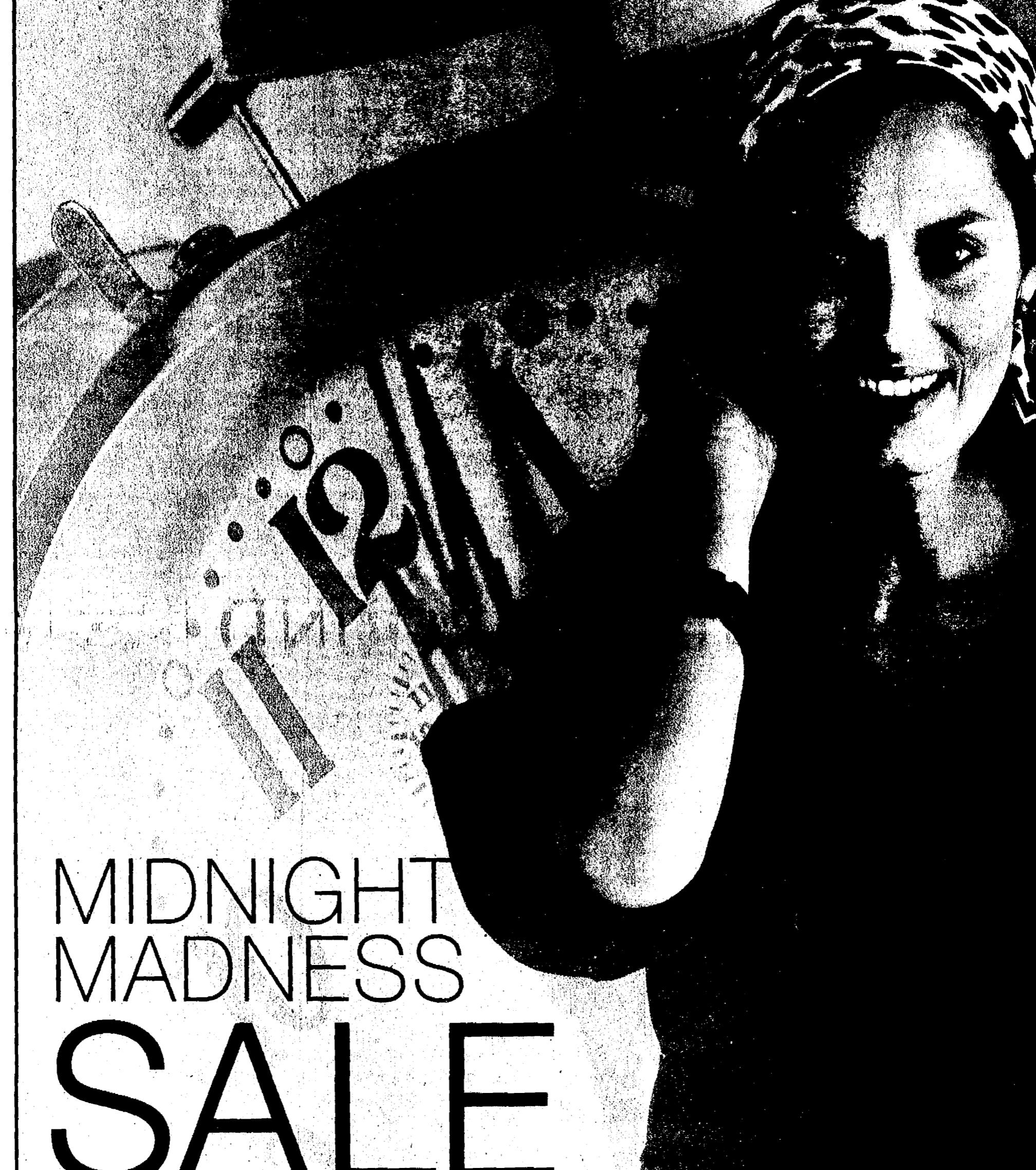


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Local fighters to compete in Rumble at the Ramada

MMA cage fight to be held in Grayling on Nov. 28

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Several local fighters will compete in a series of mixed martial arts (MMA) bouts during the Rumble at the Ramada - an MMA cage fight event slated for Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Grayling Ramada Inn.

"I think we're going to have a really good show," said event organizer Zack Burns. "They're going to have a war."

Burns, an instructor for a local martial arts school - New World Karate - said he's helped train a few of the Rumble at the Ramada participants. The local fighters have been competing in other MMA tournaments in Michigan and they've had success, he said.

"We've been doing great overall. They've lost like once or twice, and they've got like 30 wins. These guys deserve a good show. I think Grayling should come and support the guys."

Burns and other organizers had a similar tournament in May of 2009 at the Ramada Inn.

"Last time we did it, I think everyone from Grayling won. Hopefully we can do that again," Burns said. "We're getting a lot of really good fighters for the show."



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Three of the fighters scheduled to compete in the Rumble at the Ramada on Saturday, Nov. 28, are (L to R) Roy Middleton, Eric Madill, and Daniel Stafford. Middleton and Madill are from Crawford County; Stafford is from Gaylord.

than watching it on TV. It's completely different."

Any businesses interested in sponsoring the Rumble at the Ramada (and having their names mentioned as sponsors during the event) or anyone interested in receiving training as a fighter can contact Burns at (989) 370-0585. Tickets are \$25 each.

Burns said spectators can expect the fights to be similar to MMA battles that can be viewed on television - "no holds barred," he said - but seeing it unfold live is "much better." The event should include approximately a dozen fights.

"It'll be the same stuff you see on TV, pretty much," Burns said. "It's much better being there

Hunters display 19 bucks on opening day



Spectators check out the deer on the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop during the Camp Grayling Conservation Club's Orangecat Roundup event on Sunday, Nov. 15 - the opening day of firearm deer hunting season. Hunters displayed a total of 19 bucks on opening day. For more on the 2009 Orangecat Roundup, see next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.

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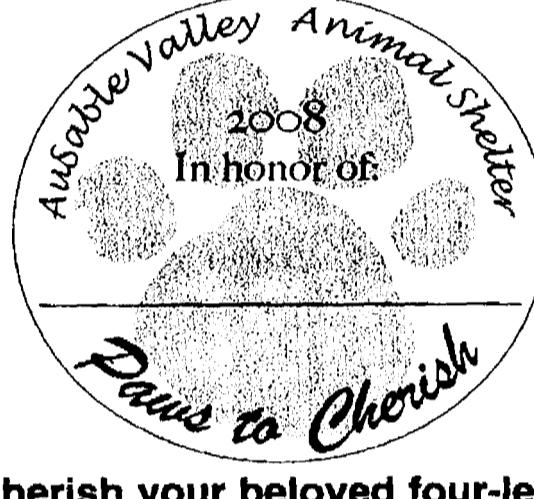
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The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 24, so newsstand buyers and local subscribers will receive the November 26th issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.
The deadline for all display ads is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, to be considered for the Nov. 26th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 20. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon Monday, Nov. 23.
The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27.



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Geoff Wilson, left, drives to the basket for Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "white" boys basketball team during last week's home game against Traverse City St. Elizabeth. Scott Wakeley, right, dribbles the ball for the 8th grade squad.



Darin Nicholas, left, shoots a three-pointer for Grayling's 7th grade "white" boys basketball squad on Monday night during a contest vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth. Nick Harris, right, takes an inside shot for the 7th grade team during last Monday's match.

GMS Boys Basketball

8th grade "white" - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "white" boys basketball squad opened its 2009 season with a 31-29 victory vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth last Monday at GMS.

Grayling trailed by one, 14-13, at halftime, and Traverse City had a one-point advantage going into the fourth quarter, 22-21. The Vikings outscored their opponent 10-7 in the final six minutes to win by two.

Justice Juntila had 12 points and five rebounds for Grayling. Peyton Zigila had five points and four

rebounds. Jake Swander had four points and three steals. Geoff Wilson had four points. Matt Burrell and Tyler McLanahan each had three points.

"The first half we were a little tentative," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "In the second half, the players were a lot more aggressive on defense, which gave us easy buckets."

The Vikings will host Kalkaska on Monday, Nov. 23.

7th grade "white" - The GMS 7th grade "white" boys basketball team won its season opener 32-19 vs.

Traverse City St. Elizabeth last Monday in a contest played at Grayling Middle School.

The contest was tied (13-13) at halftime. The game was tied at 19-19 late in the third period.

Grayling hit two three-pointers and led 25-19 going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings outscored Traverse City St. Elizabeth 7-0 in the last six minutes of the game to win by 13 points.

Scout Tobin was Grayling's scoring leader with 14 points. Darin Nicholas had seven points. Ryan Schultz had four

points and Danny Schultz scored three. Dallas Johnson and Jake Hinkle scored two apiece.

On Wednesday, the Vikings won 32-15 at Elk Rapids.

Grayling led 10-9 at half-time. The Vikings outscored the Elks 22-6 in the second half to win by 17.

"They played great defense the second half, which helped their offense," Coach Doug Pummell said. "It was the second game in a row they held their opponent to only six points in the second half."

Leading scorers for GMS were: Hinkle (10), Tobin (8), R. Schultz (6), Burmeister (2), Nicholas (2), Nick Harris (2), and D. Schultz (2).

"Emmett Helsel had a great defensive and rebounding game," Coach Pummell said.

Grayling will host Kalkaska on Monday, Nov. 23.

Pool League

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	68
Ole Barn	62
Ramada II	52
Growlers	48
Gray Rock	47
Ramada I	42
5 Ball Run: Denise (Ole Barn), Vickie (Frederic Inn).	
6 Ball Run: Jo (Ramada II).	

Alumni Hall Of Fame Nominations Due January 29, 2010

The 5th Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place at Grayling High School on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Nomination forms are available at every school and at Central Office. The nomination form is also available on the district website. The three criteria that the board will use to select the alumni are:

- Highest degree possible in candidate's field of study
- Significant life achievement, honor or award
- Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others

If you know someone worthy of this honor, please take the time to fill out a nomination petition. The board will be making the selection by February, 4, 2010, and only twenty individuals will be honored this year. The inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame will be displayed proudly in the main entrance at Grayling High School.

The purpose of this program is to not only honor graduates from our community who have accomplished great things in their lives, but also to motivate our students at the high school to set goals for their own future.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Ball Buster's 27 - 13
GMH-NCC 24 - 16
Woody Girls 24 - 16
American Legion 19 - 21
Glen's Market 19 - 21
Robin Smith CPA 16 - 24
Grayling Nursing 15 - 25
Days Inn 12 - 28
High Series: N. Glasslee, 531; T. Hellebuck, 528; D. Peitsch, 521. High Game: D. Peitsch and T. Hellebuck, 202; P. D'Amour, 197.

Senior League

Flowers By Josie 24 - 16
Lone Pine 24 - 16
Gaylord Electric 23.5 - 16.5
Legion Lanes 23 - 17
Dana Transport 20 - 20
Sylvester's Sports 16 - 24
Spike's 16.5 - 24.5
Bear's Den Pizza 14 - 26
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 500; N. Glasslee, 488. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 201; M. Ryss, 189; N. Glasslee, 179. High Series Men: K. Harris, 539; D. Williamson, 501; B. Hollis, 492. High Game Men: D. Williamson and K. Harris, 190. R. Barber, 183.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Thanks "A Latte" 28 - 12
Casino Bums 24 - 16
Ladybugs 21 - 19
Wanna Bees 20 - 20
Bill's Harem 19 - 21
Snow Tops 18 - 22
Fearless 17 - 23
Bowling Buds 13 - 27
High Series Women: J. Brown, 473; N. Glasslee, 469; C. Clark, 454. High Game Women: P. Kennedy, 194; N. Glasslee, 187; J. Brown, 173. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 585; D.

Williamson, 525; E. Brosky, 498. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 204; D. Williamson, 189; E. Brosky, 180.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Hill Top 48 - 24
Don Nester 42 - 28
Moshier Auto 41 - 29
L & L Hauling 36 - 34
Northern Lawn 35 - 35
American Legion 34 - 36
Dharma Music 24 - 46
Double Trouble 22 - 48
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 520; T. Rock, 505; R. Berger, 492. High Game Women: T. Rock, 202; T. Benardo, 190; S. Johnson, 179. High Series Men: D. Williamson, 623; G. Mastroeni, 599; J. Lehman, 594. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 248; J. Lehman, 215; P. Benardo, 212.

Pioneer League

Riverland 26.5 - 8.5
Ole Dam 25 - 10
Tim's Collision 20 - 14
T.C. Lawncare 19 - 15.5
5B's 17.5 - 16
Legion 16 - 17
Grayling Rest 14 - 21
High Series: D. Argue, 557; N. Glasslee, 537; T. Rock, 521. High Game: N. Glasslee and D. Argue, 201; G. Reichelderfer, 200.

American Men's League

McLean's Ace 21 - 0
IMM 17 - 4
Thayers Crew 15 - 6
Marty's Firewood 11 - 10
Five Musketeers 8 - 13
Joels Team 6 - 15
Moore's Auto 4 - 17
Fenton's Auto 2 - 19
High Series: J. Helsel, 758; Lance Davis, 633; C. Brill, 631. High Game: J. Helsel, 279 and 253; C. Brill, 246.

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IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS.

To: Joshua E. Eldridge 905 Vine Street Grayling, MI 49738

County: Crawford State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is:

Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA:

(www.mshda.info/counseling_sear ch), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: November 12, 2009

Orlans Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 310.6737 ASAP# 3335629 11/19/2009

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. INITIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 30 OF 2009. Notice is hereby provided to Kimberly Oeverman aka Kimberly S. Oeverman, the borrowers and/or mortgagors ("Borrower") regarding the property known as 701 MAPLE STREET, GRAYLING, MI 49738, that the mortgage is in default. The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer through its designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. ("Designated Agent"), 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, 248-539-7400 (Tel), 248-539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspclegal.com. Kimberly Oeverman aka Kimberly S. Oeverman also has/have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at its website www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (Tel). If Borrower(s) requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Borrower(s) pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009. If Designated Agent and Borrower(s) agree to modify the mortgage, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower(s) abide by the terms of the modified mortgage. Borrower(s) has/have the right to contact an attorney or the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738 (Tel). Pub Date: November 12, 2009

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 ASAP# 3337480 11/19/2009

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gordon A. Hellebuck and Tina M. Hellebuck aka T.M. Hellebuck, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage Company - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2002 and recorded January 30, 2002 in Liber 568, Page 519, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen and 14/100 Dollars (\$73,717.14) including interest at 7.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 2, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3 Town 28 North Range 3 West, commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 3, thence North 89 degrees 3 minutes 50 seconds West along Section line 989.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds East 432.44 feet; thence North 86 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 05 minutes 15 West along 1/8 line, 419.65 feet; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 50 seconds East along Section line, 329.8 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 29, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.4681 ASAP# 3318672 10/29/2009, 11/05/2009

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marjorie J. Joseph and Juell B. Joseph, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2007 and recorded December 7, 2009 in Liber 689, Page 510, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven and 58/100 Dollars (\$128,867.58) including interest at 7.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 27, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.7484 ASAP# 3318694 10/29/2009, 11/05/2009

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory Cain and Cynthia Cain a/k/a Cynthia A. Cain, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2005 and recorded October 13, 2005 in Liber 677, Page 856, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-BC1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four and 79/100 Dollars (\$78,184.79) including interest at 11.1% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 2, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land beginning at a point on the centerline of Old M-93, 1,120.5 Feet Southwesterly of the intersection of the North line of Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, with said centerline of Old M-93; thence at right angles to said centerline Northwest 183 feet; thence at right angles Southwesterly to the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4; thence Southerly along said West line 252 feet to the centerline of said Old M-93; thence Northeasterly along said centerline 258.93 feet to the Point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, lying Northwesterly of Old M-93, as now existing on the premises. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 27, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.7484 ASAP# 3318694 10/29/2009, 11/05/2009

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Dated: October 29, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426.0586 ASAP# 3318595 10/29/2009, 11/05/2009

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Debra Jean Sata, a single person, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2004 and recorded February 18, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 351, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three and 53/100

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rodney D. LeBeau and Sylvia LeBeau aka Sylvia L. LeBeau, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLC, Mortgage, dated March 31, 2008, and recorded on April 14, 2008 in Liber 691 on Page 303, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., a national association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three And 67/100 Dollars (\$129,293.67), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 2, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 48, Clearwater, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 43, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 29, 2009

For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Frederick Haight and Ann M. Haight Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 188, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine And 77/100 Dollars (\$100,569.77), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 23, 2009.

Dated: November 19, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

and the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 19, 2009
For more information, please call: FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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April 20, 2005, and recorded on May 24, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 591, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Ninety-Two And 98/100 Dollars (\$52,092.98), including interest at 6% per annum.

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Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Lot Number 1, In Manistee-Talbot Pines Plat, as shown in the Recorded Plat/Map thereof in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 20, On March 30, 1971 of Crawford County Records.

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SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP November 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Musselman and Janisse.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by

Musselman, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to accept consent agenda, October Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for November, the Treasurer's Report, and Fire/EMT report as presented.

Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to approve payment of invoice from MC Planning & Design in the amount of \$370.20. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to approve payment of attorney invoice in the amount of \$1,815.94. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to pursue with our attorney proceeding to circuit court on the SMR, Inc. issue. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by George, to adopt the following Ordinances: Ordinance 16C amendment to Cemetery Ordinance 16B. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed. Ordinance 18A amendment to Land Division Ordinance 18. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed. Ordinance 19A amendment to Int'l Fire Code Ordinance 19. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed. Ordinance 20A amendment to Public Safety and Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance 20. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed. Ordinance 24 to Repeal South Branch Township Ordinances 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 9A, 10, and 14. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Kozlowski, to adopt the Cell Phone Policy as proposed by Janisse. Ayes: Four. Nays: One. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to support the proposed two year master plan by Grayling Township, with the stipulation that we have the option to opt out of the program at any time if the cost of supporting the program becomes excessive. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

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Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects/s that could receive funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

This meeting is being held to place a road project on the State Wide Transportation Improvement plan, so that in the event additional ARRA funds are available to the Crawford County Road Commission, the funding can be acquired.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed project/s to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office. Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Wright, a single man, to

CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2004 and recorded November 23, 2004 in Liber 672, Page 637, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC dba Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two and 99/100 Dollars (\$58,002.99) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power

of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 16, 2009. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of North and South 1/4 line of said section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and Together with and subject to a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over the South 66 feet of the

Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return

-12-19-26-3

Federal Lifeline Notice



Verizon Wireless customers may be eligible to receive reduced-rate telecommunications service under the Federal Lifeline and Link Up programs. Qualifying customers will save at least \$8.25 per month. Service activation fees may also be waived if you qualify for Link Up assistance. Additional discounts are available for eligible residents of Tribal lands. You may be eligible for Lifeline and Link Up assistance if you currently participate in a qualifying public assistance program or otherwise satisfy the federal income requirements. These requirements vary by state.

To receive further information about the Lifeline and Link Up program, call Verizon Wireless at 800-924-0585 or go to verizonwireless.com/lifeline.

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IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Month to Month Customer Agreement and Calling Plan, 45¢/min after allowance. Customers eligible for Link Up assistance will receive a 50% discount on the Activation Fee, and Verizon Wireless will waive the remainder of the Activation Fee. Limited time offer. Offer not available in all areas. Restrictions may apply. Network details at verizonwireless.com. © 2009 Verizon Wireless

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE

NO. 20A-AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE NO. 20, AS ADOPTED ON JANUARY 10, 2006.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH ORDAINS:

Section 4 of the South Branch Township Public Safety and Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

4. Cost Recovery Authorization and Procedure

a. Upon receipt of the Fire Chief's report pertaining to a public safety or fire emergency, the Township may recover all assessable costs in connection with such emergency from any or all responsible parties, individually, jointly, or severally.

b. The Fire Chief or his/her designee shall determine the total assessable costs and shall, in consultation with other Township personnel involved in responding to public safety or fire emergency incident, determine whether to assess any, all, or part of such costs against any of the responsible parties. The Fire Chief may maintain a list of associated costs to help him/her in assessing costs for a public safety or fire emergency, which list should be updated annually, and which shall be considered a guideline in calculating costs to the responsible parties. In making determination of costs, the following shall be considered:

- i. the total cost;
- ii. the risk of public safety or fire emergency incident imposed on the Township and/or its response area, its residents and their property;
- iii. whether there was any injury or damage to a person or property;
- iv. whether the public safety or fire emergency incident required evacuation;
- v. the extent to which the public safety or fire emergency incident required an unusual or extraordinary use of Township personnel and equipment;
- vi. whether there was any damage to the environment;
- vii. the existence and extent or negligence or fault on the part of the responsible party; and
- viii. whether the public safety or fire emergency incident involved, or the assessable costs were incurred for the benefit of a resident of the Township.

c. After consideration of the factors in (b) immediately above, the Fire Chief or his/her designee may allocate assessable costs among and between multiple responsible parties, or may assess all or any portion of such costs as against any responsible party, and regardless of whether a responsible party has other legal liability therefore or is legally at fault.

d. If the Township Board determines not to assess all or part of assessable costs against a responsible party, such determination shall not in any way limit or extinguish the liability of the responsible party to other parties.

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the South Branch Township Public Safety and Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:

Section 5: Billing and collection of Assessable Costs

After determining to assess and recover assessable costs against a responsible party or parties and the amount of such assessment, the Fire Chief or his/her designee shall mail an invoice to each responsible party against whom recovery is sought at his/her last known mailing address, with a copy to the Township Treasurer and Clerk. Such invoice shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing and any amounts unpaid after such date shall bear a late payment fee equal to one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof that the amount due and any previously imposed late payment fee remains unpaid. If a responsible party shall appeal assessable costs, such costs, if upheld, in whole or in part, shall be due and payable thirty (30) days from the date of determination of the appeal and any late payment fees shall be calculated retroactively from the 30th day after the original invoice from which such appeal was taken, unless the Township Board during such appeal hearing determines that there existed a meritorious and bona fide dispute and basis for appeal, in which event the Township Board may waive the late payment fee which accrued prior to the date of the appeal and up to 30 days thereafter.

Section 6: Monies collected

Monies collected under this Ordinance shall be applied to the Fire Department Fund.

Section 7: Other Remedies

The Township Board shall be entitled to pursue any other remedy or may institute any appropriate action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction as permitted by law to collect assessable costs from a responsible party.

Section 8: No limitation of liability

The recovery of assessable costs pursuant hereto does not limit the liability of a responsible party under other applicable local, state or federal law.

Section 9: Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall be deemed a distinct, separate and severable part of this Ordinance and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision or part hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10: Refusal of Service

Nothing in the Ordinance shall authorize the Fire Chief or any Township personnel to refuse or delay fire service to any person, firm, or corporation that has not paid for service or that owes for previous services.

Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Roll call vote: Janisse: Aye. Musselman: Aye. Luck: Aye. Kozlowski: Aye. George: Aye. Nays: None.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH

Adopted this 10th day of November, 2009 by the South Branch Township Board.

Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor

Lynn George, Clerk

Section 6. Amendment of Section 10.B.

Section 10.B of the South Branch Township Cemetery Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

B. Any monuments or memorials not placed in the Memorial Gardens must be located upon a foundation to maintain them in an erect position, and will be located in the proper place by the cemetery sexton. The foundation must extend a minimum of four (4) inches completely around the stone, and the top of the footing must be level with the surrounding ground.

Section 5. Amendment of Section 8.F.

Section 8. F of the South Branch Township Cemetery Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

F. The cemetery sexton, or other Board designee, shall be responsible for making a determination as to the presence of frost in the ground or the presence of too much snow to accurately locate the corners of the burial site. The determination shall be final.

In the event there are only a few inches of frost, or the snow may be shoveled or plowed so the site may be located, the cemetery sexton, or other Board designee, may at their sole discretion agree to a burial for an additional fee to cover the extra services required.

Section 6. Amendment of Section 10.B.

Section 10.B of the South Branch Township Cemetery Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

B. No flowers, shrubs, trees or vegetation of any type shall be planted without the approval of the cemetery sexton, or other Board designee. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval may be removed by the Township or the cemetery sexton.

Section 7. Effective Date.

The amendment to the South Branch Township Cemetery Ordinance shall take effect upon publication. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH
Adopted this 10th day of November, 2009 by the South Branch Township Board.

Roll call vote: Janisse: Aye. Musselman: Aye. George: Aye. Kozlowski: Aye. Luck: Aye. Nays: None.

Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor

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Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



November 21, 1963 - The 1963 Grayling High School football varsity were honored at a banquet. Shown here are: (front row, left to right) Gary Lucksted, Mickey Stillwagon, Jack Harney, Eddie Robertson, Steve Dawson; (back row, left to right) assistant coach Art Thayer, Roy Wedge, Terry SanCartier, Curt Feldhauser, Peter Funck, Bill Tinker, Dan Feldhauser, Bill Joseph, Kerry Clough, Dan Tinker, Jim Young, Mark Anderson and head coach Don Ferguson.

23 Years Ago

November 20, 1986

On Nov. 5, the Grayling Karate Aikido Club held its gup test for eligible members. Promoted to the green belt levels were Marcia Rutter, Steve CdeBaca, Kevin Hinderleider and Mike Goddard. Children's class green belt included Karen Febey, Joshua Wells, Jeremiah Blaauw and Jason Rutter. Promoted to the purple level were David R. Sabin, Dawn Burrick, Seth Blumberg, Constance Moshier and Rhonda Matthews. Purple belt children's class promotions

were Minard Harwood, Ron Peterson, Keith Priebe, Matthew Ashton, Ryan Schlehuber, Lennon Kraus, Greg Mesack, Heide Everson, Rebecca Pilon, Nathan Neiderer, David Tolbert, Shawn Schnoor, Chris DiPonio, Jon Noteware, Kurt Goddard, Jon Renaud, Isaac Tobin, Erin Mills, Corey Northrup, Chad Ventline, Samara Sabin, David Sabin, Toby Neal, Kevin Langseth, Tim Febey, Marc Ruiz, Michael Bobenmoyer and Shane Lovely.

The Grayling girls J.V. basketball team improved to 17-2 with two easy wins

over Roscommon and Houghton Lake. Scoring against Roscommon were Patty Tremblay and Melanie Ojala with 9 points, Deanna Phelps had 8, A.J. Pratt had 6, Lori Gust and Janice LaDuke both had 4, Linda Goodale, Laurie Goss, Peggy Kraus, Nikki Trenary had 2 points and Margo Rembowski with 1.

Grayling High School is applying for membership in the North East Michigan Conference. This gives Grayling the option of joining two leagues in 1988-89, when the Michigan Huron Pines disbands. Current members in the North East Michigan Conference are Gladwin, Oscoda, Standish, Pinconning, Tawas, West Branch and Whittemore-Prescott.

Showtime Video celebrated its grand opening at its Grayling store last Friday by giving away a Sharp VCR with remote.

46 Years Ago

November 21, 1963

On sale this week at Glen's Market is a one pound can of Maxwell House coffee for 59¢, one pound of cranberries for 19¢, 18-24 pound turkey for 37¢ per pound and Libby's canned pumpkin for 17¢.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Sorenson and daughter, Marcia are looking forward

to the arrival of an exchange student, Maria Luisa Vicente Vidal, who will make her home with them for two months. Maria is 18 and is from Mexico.

69 Years Ago

November 21, 1940

Among the local nimrods who filled their deer licenses are Nels Olson, Bill McLeod, Rev. H. W. Kuhlman, Sheriff Jack Papendick, T.P. Peterson, Ed Moore, Kenneth Peterson, Mrs. Nelson Corwin, Geo. Hilton, Clarence Burns, Jappe Smith and Eggy Bugby.

Howard Bunker is enjoying a weeks vacation from his duties as janitor at the post office and is spending some time deer hunting.

92 Years Ago

November 22, 1917

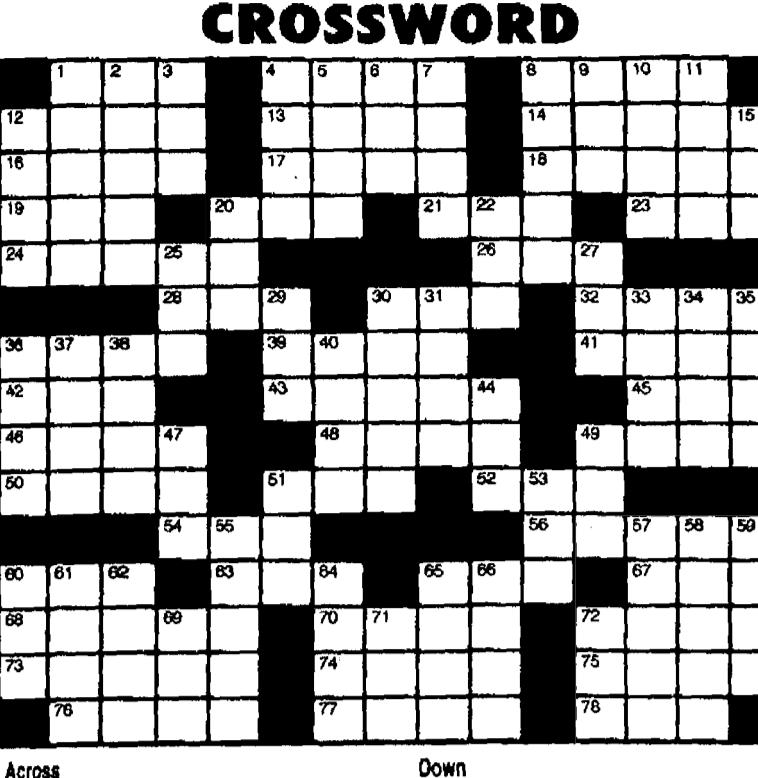
Edward King has resigned his position at the Hodge and King restaurant and is a new assistant at the Peterson grocery.

49 Years Ago

November 21, 1963

The Bank of Grayling reports that there is a great scarcity of pennies for making change, due to the war tax.

This is the day that our Crawford County boys of the third contingent of drafted men will leave for Camp Custer at Battle Creek.

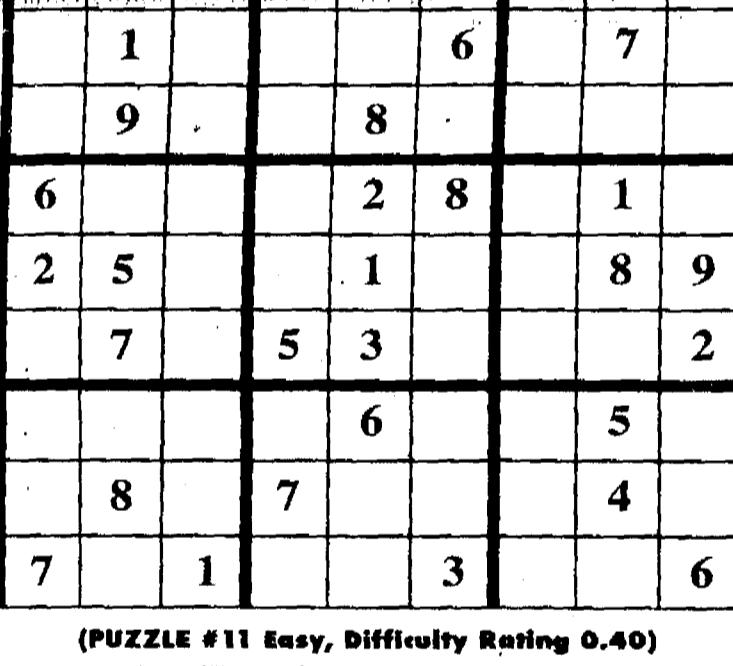


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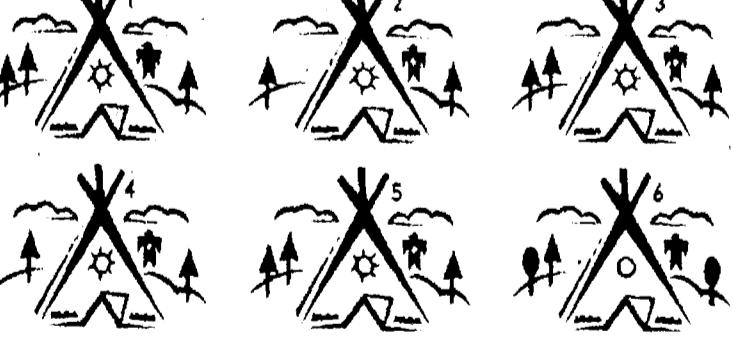
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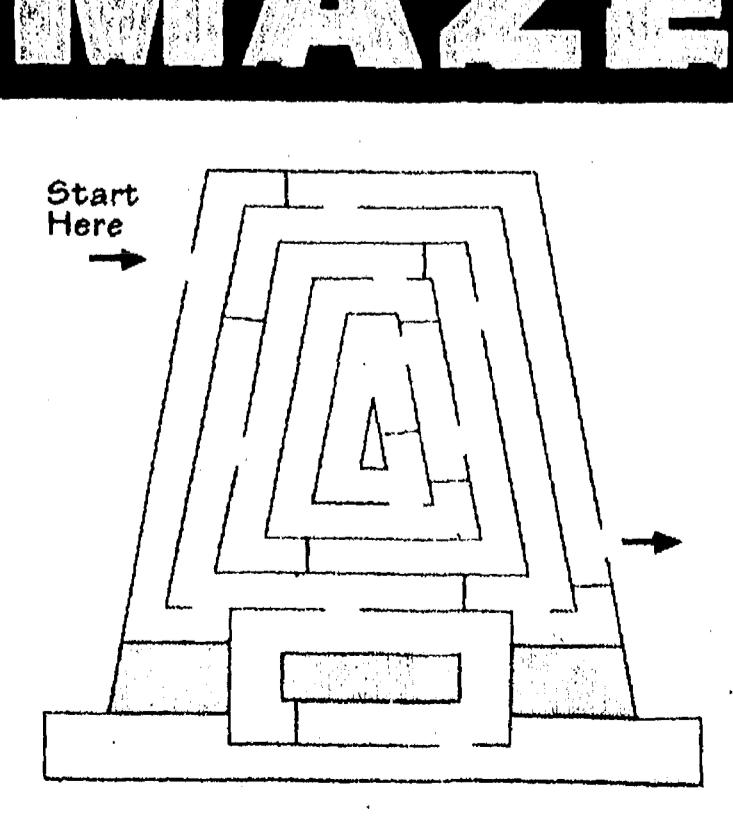


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WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.

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Spirit is a very beautiful 1 year old white short hair cat. She is very affectionate and friendly with people but is not fond of other cats or dogs. She is active, sweet and funny. Spirit has been feline leukemia tested negative, spayed and vaccinated. She just needs a loving home.

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Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.uscc.petfinder.com

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	High	Low	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
11/10	59	28							
11/11	55	19							
11/12	54	19	.01	High	High	High	High	High	High
11/13	54	25		45	46	47	48	45	43
11/14	56	25		Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
11/15	61	40		35	34	33	32	27	27
11/16	45	21		Showers	Few Showers	Moderately Cloudy	Cloudy	Showers	Showers

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

BAKED PARMESAN MEATBALLS

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 egg
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Directions: Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix meat, cheese, parsley, egg and garlic. Shape into 12 meatballs. Place in foil-lined 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Bake 25 min. or until cooked through. **Serving Suggestion:** Try serving with your favorite hot cooked pasta and sauce and a quick bagged salad tossed with your favorite dressing.

Prep Time: 15 min Total Time: 40 min

Makes 6 servings 1/2 meatball = 1/2 cup

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE LAND CONTRACT Terms available. Three bedroom home featuring one bath plus garage. Home needs TLC. 9424 South Old 27. \$19,500. Seller is a licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Michigan. Call Craig 989-348-7440. (10/26/09tf/1)

FOR SALE RECENTLY REMODELED 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1300 sq. ft. home on a full, partially finished basement. Home sits on 5 acres and has a huge garage. New kitchen, new appliances, new bathroom, new flooring, completely repainted. \$97,500. Call 732-7485 or 348-1348. (-12-19-26/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT NEWER 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car detached garage, \$650 a month, with one month security. Propane budget \$110 a month. No pets. Located in Beaver Creek Twp. near 4 Mile Rd. exit. Available immediately. Phone 989-915-9563. (-19-26/2)

TWO BEDROOM one bath mobile located in Frederic \$400 a month, plus security deposit. Available immediately, no pets. Call Jamie 989-710-0030. (-19-26/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now accepting applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

FOR RENT NEWLY RENOVATED 2 bedroom second story apartment. \$525 per month, approved tenant will receive free November rent. To apply call 989-710-1194 or 989-370-2745. (11/05/09tf/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-19-26/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom duplex includes all appliances, no pets, \$650 per month, plus utilities. First and security required. 2057 Barker Lake Rd. References required. 989-348-2621. (09/03/09tf/2)

1 BEDROOM in town \$390 a month plus utilities, no pets, references. Call 231-675-1456. (-10/01/09tf/2)

BIG HOUSE REDUCED PRICE and Cabins at Lost Acres. 4 - 5 bedroom log home \$495, plus utilities. Cabin #2 \$475, Cabin #3 \$300, both w/free utilities. 11010 N. Old 27, no pets. Call Leo at 1-877-227-6976 or call Mike at 231-590-3699. More details at www.qualityhomerelements.net (Northern Michigan Units). (-11/12/09tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME on 10 acres and Big Creek near Lovells. Clean \$600/month & utilities. 419-340-4005 (-12-19/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX totally remodeled. Appliances, laundry, lawn care, snow plowing, storage. \$495, adult, nonsmoking. 700 A. Smith St. 348-2178. (10/29/09tf/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$500 month plus gas, nonsmoking, no pets. 348-4840 (-19-26/2)

2. For Rent

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FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apartment with garage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. Quiet neighborhood. Security deposit required. 348-8471. (-5-12-19/2)

TWO LAKES home near Fletcher and Grayling Roads, 2 bedrooms, loft, 1 bathroom, fireplace, electric heat, furnished. 313 475-7370. (-5-12-19-26/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-19-26-3-10/2)

2 BEDROOM PLUS CABIN off Beaver Rd., near 4 Mile Rd. \$550 per month, plus deposit. Possible lease option 989-390-9007. (-12-19/2)

4 BEDROOM 2 1/2 bath, 1800 sq. ft. home in country. Nine miles south of Grayling, 7 miles west of Roscommon. Attached 2 1/2 car garage with fireplace and large deck. Will consider pet. Available mid December \$900 per month, references and security deposit required. 989-329-4826. (-12-19-26/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM HOUSE in St. Helen. New carpet, natural gas, nice yard, Section 8 welcome. No pets. \$450 month/\$450 deposit. 989-275-8499. (-19-26/2)

NICE 3 BEDROOM home in town with fenced yard. Monthly rent \$625 plus utilities and deposit, references required. No pets. For more info, phone 989-619-9689. (-19-16/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME \$450 month plus electric. 348-4840. (-19-26/2)

2. For Rent

LOWEST PRICE RENTAL \$495 per month. You pay utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, utility room, solid references required. 239-313-8459. (-19-2)

SMALL DECENT 2 bedroom mobile, close to town. \$375 a month plus security 989-390-3980. (-19-26/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Maple Forest, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer, dryer, dishwasher, and openers. Electrical and plumbing. No job too small. 348-5062. Ask for John or Tom. (-19-26/4)

CLOSE TO TOWN Efficiency cabin. \$375 per month, \$375 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-19-2)

3. Employment

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-15-22-19-5-12-19-26-3-10-17-24-31/3)

OWNER OPERATORS NEEDED Full size cargo vans, extended cargo cans and box trucks only. Must be dependable, 21 or older and have a clear driving record. Please stop by between 10 am & 2 pm at 107 S. Lewiston Grade, Grayling, MI to fill out a contract. Your hours will vary Monday thru Friday and pay up to \$800 weekly. (-19-3)

ADVERTISING SALES REP. Commission, lucrative bonuses, first month mileage. 989-780-0900. (-12-19/3)

4. Services Offered

CAREGIVER NEEDED Grayling area, approximately 14 hours a week, would like experience with behavior issues. Also needed fill in part time caregiver for all aspects of personal care for female in wheel chair. Must have valid Michigan drivers license, be able to pass State Police background check. Flexible hours a must. Must be available weekends and holidays. 989-732-6374, ext. 9, EOE. (-19-26/3)

APPLIANCES BEING TAKEN by appointment only. Local distribution center needs full time customer service specialists, marketing reps and general help.

All applicants must be over 18. Most positions start at \$400 a week. Call now for your appointment. 989-732-2175. (-19-3)

C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District has received Federal Workforce Development Act funding for temporary employment opportunities for individuals 18 to 24 years old, living in Crawford or Oscoda County and currently not enrolled in school. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for this employment program. Please contact Jessie at 989-275-5000 ext. 429.

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Career Development and the Workforce Development Board of the Northeast Michigan Consortium. An Equal Opportunity Program/Employer Auxiliary aids, services and alternative format will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (Voice and TDD). The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District gives notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, height, weight, political belief, religious belief, marital status, or disability in the education programs and activities operated by the District, including employment. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Bill Wachowak, Coordinator Planning and/or Greg Bush, Director of Planning and Finance, 11051 N. Cut Rd., P.O. Box 827, Roscommon, MI 48653, 989-275-9555.

1. Real Estate

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4. Services Offered

GERTA'S DRAPERS "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09tf/4)

HANDYMAN for all your indoor/outdoor repair or remodel needs. Roofing, doors, windows, garage doors and openers. Electrical and plumbing. No job too small. 348-5062. Ask for John or Tom. (-19-26/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

I CHARGE by the job not by the hour. Yard work, mowing, raking, cleaning debris off roofs and out of gutters. 348-5081. (-19-4)

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-5-12-19-26/4)

BUY HERE, PAY HERE bad credit, bankruptcy, repos, OK. Easy terms, low down payment. Most monthly payments under \$200. Free loaner cars for the life of your loan. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of happy customers. Call Rich 989-306-3656. (-12-19-26-3-10/4)

APPLIANCE REPAIR - For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09tf/4)

A-1 SNOWPLOWING reasonable & experienced. Let's talk. 989-348-5350, 660-815-2922. (-22-29-5-12-19/4)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

4. Services Offered

Treat yourself to skin care, facials, pedicures, manicures and waxing at the **Flair Station**. Call 989-348-7557 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

By Sandy Lawrence cell 989-915-2170

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Grayling City Council member addresses income tax issue, takes oath of office

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The city council's meeting was called to order 15 minutes late. DeVries and Schreiner took their oath for office, a public comment period was held and the meeting was adjourned without the council voting on who would serve as mayor and mayor-pro-tem. Meanwhile, Maybury sat in the audience with others the meeting who were puzzled.

Under the City of Grayling's income tax ordinance, city residents must pay one percent of their income to the city no matter if they work in Grayling or another town. Non-residents who live in the city are required to pay one-half of a percent tax from their annual income into the Grayling City coffers.

Maybury, who was hired to serve as the office manager for Grayling Family Practice in October 2008, had correctly filed her taxes for last year. Her employer was taking taxes out of her pay this year, when she filed to run for the vacancy on the Grayling City Council.

Maybury said she was unaware that she had to pay the tax when she worked as a billing processor for Vital Care in Gaylord and Director of Admissions for the Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, Maybury filed corrected tax returns and paid the back city income taxes. She then took the oath of office from Moshier.

"Everything is up to par," Maybury said.

Thayer said Brabant conducts the background investigation on all new candidates for municipalities he serves. Thayer added that the investigations are completed to discover if there may be any conflicts of interest that council members may have, which could be challenged by a party and nullify a vote in the future.

Thayer said he was pleased to have the issue resolved quickly.

"She resolved the glitch and she was sworn in,"

Thayer said. "When we sit down a week from Monday, she will be a member of the council."

"It was more or less an administrative process and now we can move forward," Thayer added. "We look forward to having a cohesive, good working council so we can progressively address issues for Grayling."

Thayer said the issue was not openly discussed at the council's Nov. 9 meeting because information gained by an administrator, city treasurer or any other city official, agent or employee as a result of a return, investigation, hearing or verification required or authorized by the ordinance is confidential under the state statute which established the city income tax ordinance, except for official purposes in connection with the administration of the ordinance and except in accordance with a proper judicial order. Any person who divulges this confidential information, except for official purposes, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding

\$500 for imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, for each offense. In addition, an employee of the city who

divulges this confidential information is subject to discharge for misconduct.

Maybury only discussed the issue with the *Crawford County Avalanche* after the tax issue was resolved in order to clear the air in the community. Thayer also did not comment on the issue until Maybury paid the taxes and took the oath of office.

The council opted to hold off on electing the city mayor and mayor pro-tem until its Monday, Nov. 30 meeting so Maybury could be part of the process.

Admitting not being a politician, Maybury said she is ready to get on the council and work on initiatives to get Grayling back on track.

"I want to start off on the right foot," Maybury said. "To sit here and watch the town that I really love die, hurts my heart and I really want to do something about it."

Maybury, who has a background in running family businesses, said she hopes to get more community involvement when it comes to city issues so that city leaders are making informed decisions.

"I live paycheck to paycheck just like everybody else in this town," she said. "It always helps to have a fresh pair of eyes."

City addresses blighted property



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The City of Grayling hired a contractor to demolish a building on Moshier Auto Repair property. Roger Moshier, who just completed his term on the Grayling City Council, has worked earnestly to remove dozens of vehicles and items from the property as he faced a Sept. 1 deadline to clean-up the blighted downtown property. Moshier worked hand-in-hand with the contractor to take down the dilapidated building and fill in the hole created when the foundation was removed. "I figured if they're going to cut my throat, I may as well be there to help sharpen the knife," Moshier said. Grayling City Manager David Thayer said Moshier was told not to interfere with the contractor while the demolition was completed. Now, the city hopes that Moshier will remove fuel tanks filled with scrap metal which are located be the main garage on the property. The contractor will come back to remove the fuel tanks if Moshier does not comply with a mediation agreement with the city, Thayer said. City officials will next deal with the main building on the property, which needs electrical upgrades and a new roof to preserve the structure and make it safe.

Bell tower raising caps off exterior renovations for Stittsville Church

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by Lantern Light holiday celebration, but will available for farm park visitors to tour.

"People can walk through and see the church decorated for Christmas," Taylor said.

Wellington Farm Park, USA is waiting for a final occupancy permit from the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department and Beaver Creek Township in order to have services, wed-

dings, concerts and performances in the church.

Wellington Farm, USA is spearheading an event called "A Great Family Outing and A Christmas Tree" to raise funds to restore the interior of the church. The outing includes a hayride through the historic farm park, where families will be able to select their Christmas tree in a natural woodland setting. Hot cider, hot chocolate and coolies will be served in the Farm Park's

summer kitchen.

Friday outings will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. Saturday outings will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. Sunday outings will be available from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.

For more information, call 348-5187 or visit the Farm Park's website www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

Christmas Walk on tap for weekend

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The annual Christmas Egg, a holiday tradition since 1982, features downtown merchants AuSable

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